

# Review of cleanup plan due

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**OLD BRIDGE** — The township may spend \$5,000 for an independent consultant to review a proposed \$2.7 million cleanup plan for the Madison-CPS toxic waste site here.

Eugene Dunlop, president of the Township Council, said he expects to make such a recommendation to his colleagues at tonight's meeting.

"This is a must. We have to have our own consultant representing the interests of the town, especially to determine if the plan is feasible," Dunlop said. "The risk involved outweighs the expenditure."

Dunlop, a Democrat, was notified Saturday by the state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) that CPS Chemical Co. and Madison Industries Inc. would not finance the additional review work requested by the township.

A 1981 court decision found Madison and CPS responsible for pollution that affected a portion of Perth Amboy's wellfields at the Runyon Watershed here.

The Madison-CPS toxic waste site, located off Old Waterworks Road on the Sayreville-Old Bridge border, is ranked fourth in priority on the DEP's list of 97 New Jersey hazardous waste sites.

The cleanup plan, developed by a consultant for CPS and modified by the DEP, is now before a state superior court for final approval.

Dunlop's expenditure recommendation appears to have bipartisan support from the nine-member council.

"I feel it's necessary for us to go out and have this review done. I don't think the township can wait," said Fourth Ward Councilman Arthur Haney, a Republican whose ward contains the Madison-CPS site.

"We always have the opportunity in the future to go after the industries for the money, with litigation if necessary," Haney said. "I can't see the township allowing the industries to stonewall us."

Blanche Hoffman, chairwoman of the Madison-CPS Citizens Advisory Committee and the Old Bridge Environmental Commission, said a second opinion on the cleanup plan is needed.